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# *Saint John the Baptist* CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## *Mission Statement:*

Our mission at St. John the Baptist Parish is to prepare people for the coming of the fullness of God's Kingdom by sharing the Catholic Faith and its tradition.

### *Parish Personnel*

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### *Masses*

Weekdays 7 a.m.  
Saturdays 8 a.m. / 4:30 p.m.  
Sundays 7 a.m. / 9 a.m. / 11 a.m.

HEARING LOOP INSTALLED



### *Sacrament of Marriage*

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

### *Sacrament of Baptism*

Expectant parents are to participate in the Baptism preparation program. Contact the parish office for details.

### *Sacrament of Penance*

Third Fridays 6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

### *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick*

Those preparing for serious surgery are to contact the Rectory Office at 715-384-3252.

### *Parish Membership*

Call the Rectory Office at 715-384-3252

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**MON 4/15/2024**

7:00am Albert & Marion Burr  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29

**TUES 4/16/2024**

7:00am David Fehrenbach  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 7:51—8:1a Jn 6:30-35

**WED 4/17/2024**

7:00am Peter & Joshua Dietel  
 8:00am Lorraine Kemp  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40

**THUR 4/18/2024**

7:00am Otto & Carol Schecklman  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51

**FRI 4/19/2024**

7:00am Living & deceased members of the James & Jeanette Baltus family  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59

**SAT 4/20/2024**

8:00am Margaret H. Weigel  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

4:30pm Roman & Arvilla Masanz

**SUN 4/21/2024**

7:00am Parishioners of St. John the Baptist  
 9:00am Deceased members of the PCCW  
 11:00am Jack Lang  
 1:30pm Spanish Mass  
 Scripture Readings: Acts 4:8-12 1 Jn 3:1-2  
 Jn 10:11-18



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

April 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**LECTORS**

4:30pm Ann Kundinger  
 7:00am Luke Schlagenhaft  
 9:00am Maureen Karaliunas  
 11:00am Josh Dick

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

4:30pm Marty Draxler / Joe & Clare Fischer / Open  
 7:00am Jean Kaiser / Melissa Pittsley  
 9:00am David Schlinsog / Rita Blenker / Dan & Dorothy Flees  
 Jill Hiller / Nancy Immerfall  
 11:00am Jane Lamer Mayer / Argelia Moya  
 Robert & Ruth Richmond

**SERVERS**

4:30pm Abigail, Sullivan & Eliza Schuld  
 7:00am Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr  
 9:00am Maverick, Dakota & Isabella Hannasch  
 11:00am Maria Elizabeth Garcia / Luis & Emily Villalba

**MUSIC MINISTER**

4:30pm Ashley Nikolai / Karen Isaacson  
 7:00am Cathy Heuer  
 9:00am Cathy Heuer  
 11:00am Cathy Heuer

**Weekday Mass Servers - April 15<sup>th</sup> - April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday** - Glenn Linzmeier **Thursday** - Lee Alt  
**Tuesday** - Marty Draxler **Friday** - Mike Spencer  
**Wednesday** - Dan Flees **Saturday** - Kolbe & Dominic Landwehr

**Prayer Vine ~ Do you or someone you know need prayers?**

To have requests for prayer placed on the vine, please call Connie 715-305-6742 and Donna 715-384-2479 (there are 2 lists).

**STEWARDSHIP for April 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup>**

Adult / Youth / Plate	\$28,136.09
Parish Improvement	427.00
Spanish Mass	191.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,754.23</b>



Total to date for Easter \$12,410.00

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A total of \$3,933 for Religious Retirement and \$2,376 for Propagation of the Faith was collected and sent in to the Diocese.

Thank you for your generous contributions!

**Diocesan Annual Appeal - 2023-2024**

Campaign Goal		\$133,350.00
Pledged & Received	80.29%	\$107,071.00
Under Goal		\$27,805.44
Number of Donors	358	



These numbers reflect the report as of April 9, 2024.

When filling out your pledge cards, please write checks out to *Diocese of La Crosse. Thank you!*

**Confessions are heard at St. John's on the third Friday of the month and at Sacred Heart on the first Friday beginning at 6:00pm. Two priests are available at this time. Confessions are also available on Saturdays after the 8am Mass.**

**First Choice Pregnancy Center** - Walk for Life - May 4<sup>th</sup> - 9am registration - 10am 6K Walk/Run at South Wood County Park in Wisc. Rapids. Join this fun for the whole family event - music, concessions, awards, 50/50 raffles, and many raffle baskets! All donations and pledges from friends and family, as well as concessions and money collected from the raffles will help First Choice PRC reach it's \$34,000 fundraising goal! Registration forms can be found in the kiosk.

**Women's Vocation Dinner: Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for High Schoolers and older** We will have Mass at 4:00pm at Our Lady of Peace in Marshfield with Dinner to follow at OLP Rectory. Mother Veronica of the Franciscan Sisters of Divine Mercy, Mother Mary Agnes of the Seraphic Adorers and a few other of their sisters will join Father Robertson, and Father Clements. There will be lively conversation about Religious life during and after dinner. Please contact Fr. Clements at Our Lady of Peace for more information or to sign up for this event!



*We welcome these new families to St. John's*

Heather Swenson Family

Gordon & Nancy Earl



**"the Answer" Eucharistic Rally will be held on June 7, 2024 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, WI. This event kicks off the first day that the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be in the Diocese of La Crosse. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Confession and powerful speakers.**

**\* If you have already signed up for this event, please note that the timeline has changed. We will not stay for the whole event and therefore we will be back to Marshfield by 7:30pm. A new timeline can be found by the sign-up sheet. There is still room for anyone wanting to join the group. Cost for the event is \$20 and can be paid in advance in the parish office.**

✠ **A Mass for the Deceased members of St. John PCCW who have died between October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 will be offered Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at the 9:00am Mass. Please remember the following ladies in your prayers: Joyce Lindner / Jean Kraus / Marylee Slark / Heather Widmann / Rita Imhoff / Margaret Bredl / Beverly Williams / Marian Wagner / Barbara Schultz / Margaret Grassl / Helen Gotz / Norma Potter / Alberta Strey / Teresa Lanning**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners: I was trying to come up with a topic for this bulletin column. I will share some passages from the Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services compiled by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This informative document provides key guidance on some important moral issues.

"The mystery of Christ casts light on every facet of Catholic health care: to see Christian love as the animating principle of health care; to see healing and compassion as a continuation of Christ's mission; to see suffering as a participation in the redemptive power of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection; and to see death, transformed by the resurrection, as an opportunity for a final act of communion with Christ. First, Catholic health care ministry is rooted in a commitment to promote and defend human dignity; this is the foundation of its concern to respect the sacredness of every human life from the moment of conception until death."

"Because of the dignity of the child and of marriage, and because of the uniqueness of the mother-child relationship, participation in contracts or arrangements for surrogate motherhood is not permitted." (41)

"Direct sterilization of either men or women, whether permanent or temporary, is not permitted in a Catholic health care institution. Procedures that induce sterility are permitted when their direct effect is the cure or alleviation of a present and serious pathology and a simpler treatment is not available." (53)

"While medically assisted nutrition and hydration are not morally obligatory in certain cases, these forms of basic care should in principle be provided to all patients who need them, including patients diagnosed as being in a "persistent vegetative state" because even the most severely debilitated and helpless patient retains the full dignity of a human person and must receive ordinary and proportionate care." (54)

"A person has a moral obligation to use ordinary or proportionate means of preserving his or her life. Proportionate means are those that in the judgment of the patient offer a reasonable hope of benefit and do not entail an excessive burden or impose excessive expense on the family or the community." (56)

"A person may forgo extraordinary or disproportionate means of preserving life. Disproportionate means are those that in the patient's judgment do not offer a reasonable hope of benefit or entail an excessive burden, or impose excessive expense on the family or the community." (57)

"Medically assisted nutrition and hydration become morally optional when they cannot reasonably be expected to prolong life or when they would be "excessively burdensome for the patient or [would] cause significant physical discomfort, for example resulting from complications in the use of the means employed." For instance, as a patient draws close to inevitable death from an underlying progressive and fatal condition, certain measures to provide nutrition and hydration may become excessively burdensome and therefore not obligatory in light of their very limited ability to prolong life or provide comfort." (58)

"Patients should be kept as free of pain as possible so that they may die comfortably and with dignity, and in the place where they wish to die. Since a person has the right to prepare for his or her death while fully conscious, he or she should not be deprived of consciousness without a compelling reason. Medicines capable of alleviating or suppressing pain may be given to a dying person, even if this therapy may indirectly shorten the person's life so long as the intent is not to hasten death." (61)

"Catholic health care institutions should encourage and provide the means whereby those who wish to do so may arrange for the donation of their organs and bodily tissue, for ethically legitimate purposes, so that they may be used for donation and research after death. (63) Such organs should not be removed until it has been medically determined that the patient has died." Fr. Thelen

## NOTES FROM FATHER THELEN

\* Thank you Father Arturo and ALL of you who have helped our son Fr. Dan through his accident injury. Thank you for your prayers, concern, and food. You have been so good to him. Mom and Dad Thelen \*

### Parish Council Elections

St John the Baptist Parish will be holding elections for new members to the Parish Council. The elected parishioners serve for 2 years, which can be renewed twice. Meetings occur on Tuesday evenings five times a year. If you or someone you know would be interested in the opportunity to be on the parish council please contact the office.

### Childcare for Parish Events

Do you miss caring for children? St John's is hoping to organize volunteer based child care that would allow parents with little children to attend some of our talks and events. The commitment would be minimal and would only happen in coordination with parish events. If you are interested in providing child care on these occasions please contact the office.

### Night of Spiritual Reflection

#### With Our Eucharistic Lord

Presented by Fr. Arturo Viguera

Father will give one final short reflection followed by Eucharistic Adoration and a time of silence.



Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>: *Meditation on the two standards of Christ the King*

*Location: St. John's church*

*Time: 6:00pm - 7:00pm*

### Save the Dates for these National Eucharistic Events!

#### National Eucharistic Procession - Monday, June 10, 2024

Join in the National Eucharistic Procession beginning at 2:00pm at the Park 'n Ride (South of Kwik Trip/Draxler's Transport), processing on the Veteran's Pkwy Bike/Walking Trail, concluding at St. John Paul II Adoration Chapel located in the lower level of St. John the Baptist Church. More information will be available on the parish bulletin board soon.

#### National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Mission Presentation, Exhibits, Adoration, and Prayers: Monday, June 10 - Tuesday, June 11

Join us on Monday, June 10, from 6:00 - 8:00pm for a presentation on Blessed Brother James Miller by Father Alan Guanella and on Servant of God Father Joseph Walijewski, by Father Sebastian Kolodziejczyk. The evening also includes Diocese of La Crosse Mission exhibits from 4:30-6:00pm and 8:00-9:00pm; Adoration from 8:00pm (June 10) through 7:00am (June 11) in St. John the Baptist Church; Matins, including prayer intentions for miracle healings through the intercession of Father Walijewski, led by Father Bob Thorn from 3:00am-4:00am.



*Encounter Jesus  
in the Eucharist.  
He waits for you!*

### The Eucharist is the Risen Christ

On Easter Sunday, two disciples were leaving Jerusalem without hope as they believed that the Savior was dead. Jesus joined them as they walked but the disciples did not recognize Him as He now had a glorified body. When Jesus sat down with the disciples at Emmaus, they recognized Him in the "breaking of bread," which was the Eucharist.

Let's pray this right now and every day this week:  
*Lord, make my heart burn with a desire to  
read Your Word in Sacred Scripture.*

This week, read how Jesus explained how He fulfilled the Old Testament in His Passion, Death and Resurrection, and allowed the disciples to recognize Him in the breaking of the bread in Luke 24:13-35.



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"El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta..."  
Psalmo 23

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."  
Matt 11:28

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